



PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

OCT 15 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

In re application of

Docket No: Q64574

Hirobumi AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/869,142

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 1209

Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 12, 2003 to October 12, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860


Mark L. Hayman
Registration No. 51,793

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: October 9, 2003